

**MINUTES OF IWCC MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD  
IWCC CHICAGO OFFICE, SIXTEENTH FLOOR ROOM 16-503  
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2009**

Present at the meeting:

Acting Chairman Amy J. Masters  
Dr. Jesse Butler, Medical Provider Representative  
Ms. Kim Moreland, Employer Representative  
Mr. John Smolk, Employer Representative

Attending the meeting via conference call:

Ms. Maddy Bowling, Employer Representative  
Mr. Eric Dean, Employee Representative

Participating IWCC Advisory Board Members:

Mr. Mark Flannery, Caterpillar Inc.  
Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson, and Menchetti

IWCC staff present at the meeting:

Mr. Glen Boyle, Medical Fee Schedule Project Manager  
Mrs. Bertha E. Parker, Acting Secretary  
Ms. Susan Piha, Manager of Research & Education

Acting Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The following documents were distributed to the board: previous meeting minutes; memorandum provided by Mr. Glen Boyle; and a draft Medical Fee Schedule Report to the Governor and General Assembly.

The minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Chairman Masters thanked Ms. Sue Piha for her hard work in developing a comprehensive and well-balanced medical fee schedule report.

The board discussed the medical fee schedule draft report, and agreed to revisions in regard to the following issues which are included in the final report:

- Savings produced by the Fee Schedule and ability to define actual savings
- Statistical reports referenced in report
- Implants and excessive mark-ups
- ASTC schedule and its impact on unlicensed but accredited facilities
- Need for explanation of benefits
- Consolidation of 29 geozips into smaller number of regions

- Authorizing crosswalk between old and new codes to reduce POC76 codes.
- Further defining complete bill
- Improving and better communicating insurer and UR dispute resolution process

Ms. Maddy Bowling noted that issues included in the report will serve as an agenda for the Medical Fee Schedule Advisory Board in 2010. Chairman Masters thanked the board members and all other interested parties for their time, energy, and expert contributions to the report and noted it would be submitted to the General Assembly and Governor on or before January 1, 2010 as required by statute.

The board recessed at 10:30 am and returned at 10:40 a.m.

Next, Mr. Glen Boyle shared a memorandum listing critical questions posed from recent medical fee schedule seminars and requested board members' guidance on the following:

- Allied Health Care Providers and modifiers
- Anesthesia CRNA Services and MD Supervisors
- Codes not listed in Hospital Outpatient Surgical and ASTC fee schedules

The board agreed on text to be posted on the IWCC website.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12: 30 p.m.